

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Claim 7 has been amended to read as follows.

7.(amended) A preservative as claimed in claim 6, additionally comprising a carrier.

Claim 10 has been amended to read as follows.

10.(amended) A preservative as claimed in claim 6, further comprising a protective agent selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycols, polyvinylpyrrolidones, C₃-C₁₄ organic acids and their salts, and amino acids and their salts.

Claim 16 has been amended to read as follows.

16. (amended) A process for preserving human and animal food or silage, wherein the impregnated salts as claimed in claim 1, or the preservatives are added to the human or animal food or silage.

The following claims are new.

17.(newly added) A preservative as claimed in claim 6, additionally comprising formulation auxiliaries.

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18.(newly added)A preservative as claimed in claim 10, wherein the protective agent is selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₆ organic acids and their salts.

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19.(newly added)A preservative as claimed in claim 18, wherein the protective agent is selected from the group consisting of citric acid, fumaric acid, succinic acid, adipic acid, benzoic acid, ~~sorbic acid~~ and their salts, and amino acids and their salts.

20.(newly added)A process for treating leather wherein leather is contacted with the impregnated salts of claim 1 or the preservatives.

21.(newly added)A process for acid treatment wherein the impregnated salts of claim 1 or the preservatives are introduced into or placed on an item to be treated.